

Fuchsia bio.

Tony Durant cut his musical teeth playing the psychedelic clubs of London's frenetic underground scene of the late 60s, of which Louise were regulars.

They played Happenings 44 with Mick Farren, Roundhouse Chalk Farm..and everywhere, where they played an uncompromising blend of pop and free form music. Recorded one single, Look at the Sun C/W Toymakers Shop. (In 2011 re released on Rise Again Records.UK.)

The musical experimentation continued, with the landmark album Fuchsia, recorded for Pegasus/Chrysalis UK in 1971. This unique album with its novel blend of rock instruments and string section had no place in the market, quickly disappeared.

Tony's career continued in the UK, Europe and then Australia, exploring many areas of music in production, song writing, film & doco music.

But over the next 30 years, the album had gone off on its own and made its own friends worldwide.

In 2005 an email from Gianpaolo Binelli (Nightwings records. Italy ) informed Tony that his long forgotten Fuchsia album was now a cult item on line, pirated by no fewer than 5 independent labels from the original vinyl.

A re-mastered re-release followed, described by John O'Regan of Mojo magazine:

" A masterpiece of Art Rock and Folk Rock , Fuchsia escaped the mainstream success it deserved and slipped through the cracks to become forgotten then rediscovered in the late 90s as an Acid Folk Prog collectors item. Fuchsia has assumed the mantle of cult classic..."

With this renewed interest in his music, and a documentary on the story, Tony started writing again in the Fuchsia style. The result was "Fuchsia II: from Psychedelia to a Distant Place" released in June 2013 to very positive reviews. John O'Regan wrote

" The new songs retain the ground breaking spirit of the original, ..and adds a fresh contemporary sheen that does not detract from the grandeur and scope of their original vision.

Fuchsia II adds to the legend that is Fuchsia."

Aided by a talented group of musicians, Tony is at last being acknowledged by young music fans in Australia. In June 2014 he heads off to Sweden for the start of a European tour playing songs from both albums, with local Psych band, Me and my Kites. (Incidentally, named after a song on the first Fuchsia album.)